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Filing Date	September 18, 2000
First Named Inventor	H. Kenneth Staffin
Art Unit	1764 ✓
Examiner Name	A. Doroshenk
Attorney Docket Number	2453-80A

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2003, Applicants submit herewith an amendment for entry into the above-identified file along with a Request for Continued Examination.